



NEWS SUMMARY

Lawson curbs tax cut hopes

Mr Nigel Lawson poured cold water yesterday on rising hopes of big tax cuts in the Budget, despite the buoyancy in government revenue and lower than expected borrowing.

Right to sue upheld

Former soldier Melvyn Pearce yesterday won the right to sue the Government for damages after being exposed to radiation during nuclear weapon tests.

The Ministry of Defence, which claimed exemption under the 1947 Crown Proceedings Act, plans to challenge yesterday's High Court decision in the House of Lords.

Pet birds killed

Children were in tears yesterday after arriving at school and finding their pets had been slaughtered.

Lloyds' £3m writ

A writ for more than £3 million has been served on Lloyds Bank after its handling of the Lincoln-based Lumiere group of companies which took part in a multi-million pound export fraud.

IBA job for Bowe

Miss Colette Bowe, the Civil Servant at the centre of the Westland affair, was named yesterday as the new controller of information services at the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

Increase in kangaroo cull

Sydney (AP) - The Australian Government yesterday proposed increasing to 130,000 the number of kangaroos to be culled next year to prevent farmers and ranchers from killing the animals.

Village built for war

A village complete with 32 houses, a public house, church, and two farms is to be built by the Army on a Welsh mountain at a cost of £3 million, but no one will live there.

Appeal to keep MI5 book ban

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, asked a High Court judge yesterday to continue the ban on a book by former MI5 agent, Joan Miller, although he has lost his battle to stop its publication in the Irish Republic.

Manpower Services adverts Accusaton of propaganda

Advertisements placed by the Manpower Services Commission have been reported to the Advertising Standards Authority as poorly disguised political propaganda and a breach of its code.

Compulsory history lessons sought

The Government will be urged tomorrow to guarantee the compulsory study of British social history by secondary school children up till the age of 16.

The president of the association, Professor Donald Read, who lectures in history at Kent University, laments the fact that half of secondary school children have abandoned the study of any history at 14.

Prostitutes wipe out fines with stay in court

Prostitutes are being allowed to write off hundreds of pounds in fines merely by sitting at the back of a courtroom for a few hours as a way of tackling the problem of defaulters.



Mr Michael Winner, the film director and chairman of the Police Memorial Trust, laying a floral tribute yesterday to the Harrods bomb victims (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Bomb victims remembered

Police held a tribute for three colleagues yesterday on the third anniversary of their deaths in the Harrods bomb blast.

Catholic job bias in Ulster denied

The Fair Employment Agency in Northern Ireland yesterday rejected allegations of job discrimination in favour of Roman Catholics.

The report said that in the past there had been little Protestant unemployment in most parts of the province, and that Protestants had little difficulty in obtaining work.

The agency criticized the attitude of some management which, it said, remained somewhat hostile to what it believed was interference from a statutory body.

Sogat poll result is delayed

Leaders of Sogat '82, whose members are involved in a dispute with News International, will not know until after Christmas whether their 205,000 members have voted for a 58p weekly levy to save their union from bankruptcy.

Hindley asked for second day on the moors

Myra Hindley twice pleaded with a Home Office official to be allowed a second day on the Yorkshire moors to help guide police to the site of other unexcavated graves.

BR accused of secrecy in line closure plans

British Rail responded yesterday to accusations of secrecy by refusing to publish its financial case for closing the 72-mile Settle to Carlisle line.

National guidelines promised to curb inquiries

The Government yesterday undertook to issue national policy guidelines on such issues as energy, transport and urban development to reduce the length and expense of public inquiries.

Victory for Speelman in chess final

Bernard Speelman yesterday won the British Chess Championship for the second year in succession, beating Murray Chandler with precise endplay in the second of two tie-break games.

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Catholic job bias in Ulster denied

By Richard Ford
Fair Employment Commission... Catholic job bias in Ulster denied...

Most nurses 'unable to deal with heart arrest'

By Jill Sherman
Most trained nurses would be unable to give basic first aid to a heart attack victim in the vital first few minutes...



Couple in US deaths hunt jailed for fraud

An American heiress and her boyfriend, accused of murdering her parents in a black magic ritual, were jailed yesterday for 12 months each after admitting fraud offences...

Christmas 'misery for low paid'

By Jill Sherman
Christmas for low income families is a nightmare rather than a celebration and results in big debts, the Child Poverty Action Group says today...

Aids research and education Women face quiz over sex

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent
The sexual behaviour of more than 1,000 young women is to be studied to provide clues for better public education about Aids...

70 years and still howling

By Kenneth Gosling
The "Grand Howl" goes out at full volume from four Cub Scouts from Greenwich as they help to celebrate the movement's seventieth anniversary...

Girl can stay with her father

A girl aged 12 yesterday won the right to continue living with her father. In October, a judge ordered that the girl, whose parents are divorced, should live with her mother...

Killer gets two life sentences

A man who killed the woman with whom he was living and their social worker because he was afraid he was going to lose his children was given two life sentences at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday...

Children to be warned of dangers

Schoolchildren are to be taught in the classroom about the risks of Aids, in a project launched in London yesterday. Health education workers will explain how the disease is transmitted...

Alleged petrol bomber in photographs

Photographs taken by a press photographer during last year's riots in Birmingham led to the identification of an alleged petrol bomber, a court was told yesterday...

Coroner throws doubt on smear test policy

A coroner has criticized "an extraordinary state of affairs" in which women under the age of 35 are not given cervical smear tests because general practitioners do not receive payment...

Higgins case adjourned

A case involving Alex Higgins, the former world champion snooker player, was opened and adjourned until January 16 at Preston Magistrates' Court, Lancashire, yesterday...

Plea to sell Ripper's house

A judge at Bradford County Court was asked yesterday to order the sale of the former Bradford home of Peter Sutcliffe, known as the Yorkshire Ripper...

WOOLWICH 1986
ASSETS UP 15.3% TO £7,827m
HOME LOANS UP 22% TO £1,829m
NET RECEIPTS FROM INVESTORS £591m
APPROVAL GIVEN TO PROVIDE NEW SERVICES

Facing the future with confidence

Points made by the Chairman, Mr Alan McIntock, C.A., in his address to the 139th Annual General Meeting held on 16th December 1986. Results. 1986 was yet another year in which the Society broke new ground in terms of the volume of its business...



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PARLIAMENT

Farm ministers 'have taken an historic step'

The agreement reached yesterday in Brussels by the EEC Council of Agriculture...

income of the average size dairy farm in the UK...

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Cardiff Central, Pl C) said that Britain imported 110,000 tonnes of dairy products...



Mr Gummer: Dairy farm 'adjustments'

were to help former dairy farmers in the next 40 years...



Mrs Dunwoody: Pleas for creamery workers

minister's settlement would be terrifying for farmers throughout the UK...



Mr Penhaligon: Cutting dairy production

how the minister could convince the creamery workers losing their jobs in January...

Mr James Lamond (Oldham Central and Royton, Lab) said there had been little mention of the consumer today...

Mr David Penhaligon (Truro, Lib) asked whether the minister had explained to the Community...

Mr Nicholas Winterin (Maclean, Pl C) said he had strongly opposed and deplored the way this Government had treated dairy farmers...

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) said that as vigorous steps were to be taken to reduce the intervention store...

Mr Nicholas Baden (Wolverhampton South West, C) asked the minister to be generous with the truth in describing a reduction in the cost of the CAP...

Mr Gummer said some of the butter had been in intervention for a long time...



Mr Conal Gregory, Tory MP for York, recommending shoppers in London yesterday to buy safe British toys...

British leadership of EEC 'great success'

The most effective pattern of decision during the British presidency of the EEC in the second half of 1986...

EEC AFFAIRS

the council of that matter, so dear to his heart, to be considered...

Second, should we resolve the disputes about pasta, lemons and steel? The answer was yes...

further month for negotiation.

It is much better to avoid a trade war than run into one...

Mr George Foulkes, for the opposition, said it was not true that the six months of the UK presidency...

Agreement on tobacco imminent

SPONSORSHIP

Mr Richard Tracey, Under-Secretary of State for the Environment, said during Commons questions...

Mr Tracey: This is one of the points we have considered very carefully in our negotiations with the tobacco companies...

Million tenant owners

In the financial years 1983-84 to 1985-86, respectively, 117,000, 89,000 and 80,000 tenants bought their council homes...

Mr David Knox (Staffordshire Moorlands, C) What percentage of total council-house stock was sold to sitting tenants?

Irish Dail request 'is misconceived'

SELLFIELD

The Dail resolution calling for the closure of the Sellfield nuclear reprocessing plant...

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said during Commons questions...

City tin crisis

Secrecy 'put jobs in peril'

Excessive government secrecy over last year's tin crisis has made an absolute decision at this stage...

Mr John Heddle (Mid-Staffordshire, C) said that some Labour local authorities were refusing to remove such graffiti unless it was sexist or racist...

Decision on illegal rates defended

Mr Rhodes Boyson, Minister for Local Government, fended off criticism during Commons questions...

Mr Allan Roberts (Bottle, Lab) asked for an admission that the Secretary of State had actually been breaking the law since 1980...

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, Lib) asked, in the light of the farcical statement on local government finance...

Mr John Taylor (Solihull, C) said the rating environment would be considerably improved if the local authorities would confine themselves to their statutory responsibilities...

Mr John Watts (Slough, C) said that, as it had proved necessary to find legislative time to block a few loopholes in the Act...

Mr Robert Atkins (South Ribblesdale, C) said cigarette companies had done an amazing job in supporting the great game of cricket...

Mr Robert Brown (Newcastle upon Tyne North, Lab) will be facing the fact that having banned tobacco advertising on television...

Mr Tracey: It is quite right that tobacco sponsorship has made a contribution to cricket...

Graffiti bring problems

Sexist and racial criteria are being used by some local authorities in deciding whether to remove graffiti...

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More marine reserves likely

Five more marine nature reserves are being prepared to follow the first which has been set up around Lundy Island in the Bristol Channel...

The time taken so far in negotiations about the reserves had been largely fisherman, but it was shown that the reserves could be established without endangering their livelihood...

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Supplementary and social security benefit orders and regulation of Lords (11): Debate on disposal of waste at sea...

Nuclear defence policy issue settled

By Nicholas Wood Political Reporter

The Alliance parties yesterday formally completed the agonizing business of burying their differences over nuclear weapons...

It says: "In government we would maintain with whatever necessary moderation our minimum nuclear deterrent until it can be negotiated away as part of the global arm negotiation process..."

"In any such modernization we would maintain our capability in the sense of freezing our capacity at a level no greater than that of the Polaris system..."

The Alliance also pledged itself to cancel Trident because of its "excessive number of warheads, high cost and continued dependence on United States technology..."



Mr Owen (left) and Mr Steel

by the Government, would be transferred to the conventional defence budget.

Past enthusiasm for an Anglo-French solution, probably involving fitting M4 missiles to submarines, is muted, with the Alliance saying it would



No further approval needed.

explore with the French scope for co-operation 'over current nuclear capabilities' to cut costs and reduce armaments.

Dr Owen, who is known to favour sea-launched cruise missiles, said there were arguments for and against ballistic missiles.

"I don't think it's vital to make an absolute decision at this stage...I don't think it's necessary to express a preference."

The Alliance split over defence, opened up after the Liberal Party's conference in Eastbourne when delegates narrowly voted to take Britain down a non-nuclear route in future defence policy.

Mr Steel said yesterday that he was convinced that the new policy line, which calls for a strengthened European pillar to Nato and backs further arms control, would be endorsed by the Liberal rank and file because it had been agreed by all the "key people" involved in the Eastbourne revolt.

They said they would be writing to all their parliamentary candidates enclosing a copy of the agreed text.

both it and the Bank had a duty to act. Surprisingly, however, the committee concedes the right of the Bank and the Government to withhold from select committees papers passing between departments and their confidential advisers...

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# Illegal drinking by teenagers may lead to new crackdown

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

The Government is considering a new crackdown against under age drinking after a nationwide survey disclosed yesterday that 40 per cent of those aged 16 were drinking illegally in public houses.

With only one in 10 youngsters remaining teetotal by the age of 17, education chiefs are also being asked if children should be given extra advice at school about the dangers of drink.

The Adolescent Drinking Survey, conducted among nearly 5,000 youngsters aged 13 to 17, shows that 82 per cent of boys and 77 per cent of girls in England and Wales had their first "proper drink" by the age of 13.

Drunkness had affected more than half the older boys. A quarter of those involved in such heavy drinking reported having got into arguments or fights as a result, or having upset their parents.

One in 10 of the boys committed acts of vandalism or attracted the attention of the police after drinking too much.

Half of the youngest children interviewed drank less than four standard alcohol units a week, one unit being equivalent to half a pint of beer, a glass of wine or a single measure of spirits.

## Young forced into part-time labour

By JBI Sherman

Teenagers have become the day labourers and casual workers of the 1980s, the youth employment organization, Youthaid, says today.

A survey published by the charity disputes government claims that the dramatic rise in part-time work is helping women who want more flexible working hours.

The survey shows that there has been a 250 per cent increase since 1979 in the number of teenagers in part-time work, from 116,000 to 407,000, compared with a 2.5 per cent increase in part-time adult women workers.

The number of teenagers in full-time work had fallen from 1.8 million to 1.2 million

during the same period. By 1985, one in four teenagers could find only a part-time job, and six out of every 10 part-time workers was under the age of 20.

Nearly half the teenagers in part-time work have jobs that are temporary.

"When politicians talk about flexible labour markets, they are really talking about unemployed teenagers having to take part-time, short term, unprotected work," Mr Paul Lewis, director of Youthaid, said.

Part-time work had not grown significantly for adult women, "but among teenagers it has grown enormously, and it is contributing to the poverty, homelessness and lack of independence that some young people are now experiencing," Mr Lewis said.

## Race rules complaint is upheld

A Daily Express report singled out seven Rastafarians from more than 110 people arrested at a rock festival as a result of a sub-editing mishap, but the Press Council says today its effect conflicted with the council's guidelines on mentioning race.

Mr R Borzello, of Islington, north London, complained that the paper reported that seven defendants were Rastafarians while not giving the religion of 103 others arrested.

The newspaper reported that police arrested more than 110 people on drugs charges at the Reading Festival. Seven Rastafarians were due to appear in court that day.

Mr Borzello suggested that by reporting the seven defendants were Rastafarians, the newspaper identified them as black.

The managing editor of the paper, Mr Struan Coupar, said that 110 people had been due to appear in court, 103 of them on charges of possessing drugs and the seven Rastafarians on charges of supplying them.

Mr Coupar supplied the originals of copy from the paper's own reporter, and an agency, making this clear. He explained that when the story was sub-edited this distinction was omitted. He said police believed the seven were part of a big drugs ring.

The Press Council upheld the complaint and said in its adjudication that the Daily Express story appeared, by the sub-editing mishap, to have singled out seven Rastafarians, identifying their religion, and inferentially their race, while giving no clue to those of the 103 other people arrested at the same rock festival on, apparently, similar drugs charges.

In fact the charges were not similar, and the description of the seven as Rastafarians was not, therefore, a gratuitous singling out of them as the error made it appear.

Its effect, however, was to conflict with the Press Council's repeated ruling that people's race should not be introduced in a prejudicial context unless it is relevant.

## Soldier on death charge

An inquest into the death of a soldier, who died after an incident with a smoke flare during an Army demonstration at a fete, was adjourned indefinitely by the Birmingham coroner, Dr Richard Whittington, yesterday when a serving soldier stationed in Lichfield, Staffordshire, was charged with his manslaughter.

Martin Weston, aged 23, died from a suspected heart attack when the bomb exploded at the Camp Hill rugby club's fete at their ground in Shirley, West Midlands.

Mark Andrew Wilson, aged 20, from Lapworth, Warwickshire, a member of the Assault Pioneer Troop, appeared before Coventry magistrates yesterday charged with the manslaughter of Mr Weston, who lived in Coleshill Heath Road, Marston Green.

## Boxers bound over after disturbance

Two boxers and a boxing manager agreed yesterday to be bound over to keep the peace for two years by Newport magistrates after a street disturbance.

They were David Pearce, aged 27, the former British heavyweight champion, of Newport, Gwent; Andrew Gerrard, aged 23, the Welsh contender, of Risca, near Newport; and Billy May, the manager, of Newport.

## Shinwell pair face charges

The wife of Lord Shinwell's son was accused at Marylebone Magistrates' Court in central London yesterday of helping her husband to dispose of £18,000 he allegedly swindled from a prospective buyer of his father's flat.

Mrs Hanoma Shinwell, aged 43, of Melrose Avenue, Cricklewood, was remanded on bail to appear in January with her husband, Mr Ernest Shinwell, aged 68.

## Students given chance to help US politicians

The English-Speaking Union is offering places for 15 British university students to work next summer as assistants to American congressmen and senators in Washington DC (Nicholas Beeston writes).

The scheme is being launched in co-operation with the Catholic University of America in Washington DC. Applicants should be interested in politics, economics and international affairs, and should possess skills in letter writing, word processing and researching data.

Application forms can be obtained from: Mrs Alison Wyna, National Youth Officer, the English-Speaking Union, Dartmouth House, 37 Charles Street, London W1X 8AB.



Donny, a bear badger, and his rescuer, Mrs Ruth Murray, who has campaigned for better protection for badgers for more than 30 years.

Donny is one of 51 badgers at Mrs Murray's sanctuary at Langhter Hole Farm, Yelverton, Devon. He was found on Dartmoor badly mauled and suffering from hypothermia.

Mrs Murray, aged 61, has been celebrating her latest campaign victory, a move by the Ministry of Agriculture to

have proof before badgers suspected of spreading bovine tuberculosis are passed.

According to Mrs Murray, badgers are not naturally secretive, nocturnal animals. "They have been driven underground by years of persecution. My animals like nothing better than to lie in the sun."

The animals Mrs Murray cares for are always returned to the wild if possible. Meanwhile, they stay at her field study centre. (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

## Huge rise in crown courts' workload

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A huge rise in the number of cases committed for trial in the crown courts of the northern circuit is shown in figures published by the Lord Chancellor's Department yesterday.

The total rose from 6,713 in 1979 to 11,672 in 1985, according to Your Court, the department's journal.

In the county courts the number of proceedings formally started with the lodging of a "plaint" rose by almost one third from 215,759 to 309,266 in 1985; and matrimonial petitions filed rose from 21,739 to 24,893 during the same period.

But the figures also show a drop in the average waiting times.

For defendants in custody, the average waiting time fell from 11.3 weeks in 1979 to 8.7 weeks in 1985; and the waiting time for defendants on bail fell from 17.5 to 11.4 weeks during the same period.

## Wife and rival in funeral dispute

The two women in the life of Charles Arnold, a dustman, could not agree about his funeral arrangements after he died of a heart attack three weeks ago.

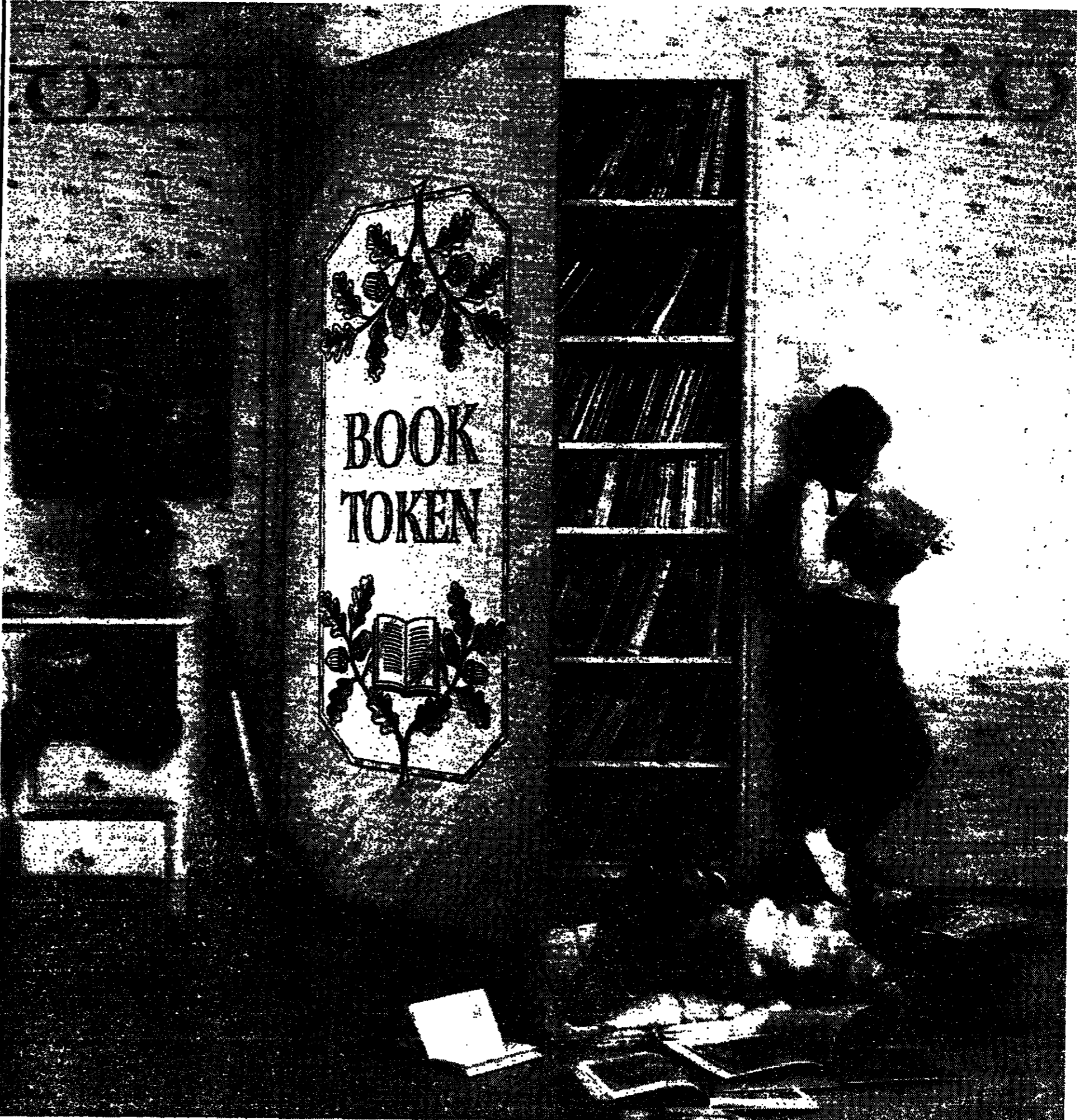
Mr Arnold's widow, Louisa, aged 58, wanted a cremation, followed by the interment of his ashes in north London. But Mrs Alice Holtham, aged 59, his close friend of two

years, who had lived at the same flat as Mr Arnold at Grampian House, Edmonton Green, north London, decided on a burial at Edmonton cemetery.

The hospital refused to release the body until a ruling was made and the issue was settled in the High Court yesterday when Mr Justice Hoffmann decided that Mrs

Arnold, of Rivulet Road, Tottenham, should make the funeral arrangements.

After considering the only previous reported case of its kind, which was heard more a century ago, the judge ruled in favour of Mrs Arnold and said he was aware that any decision he made was "bound to cause pain to one side or the other".



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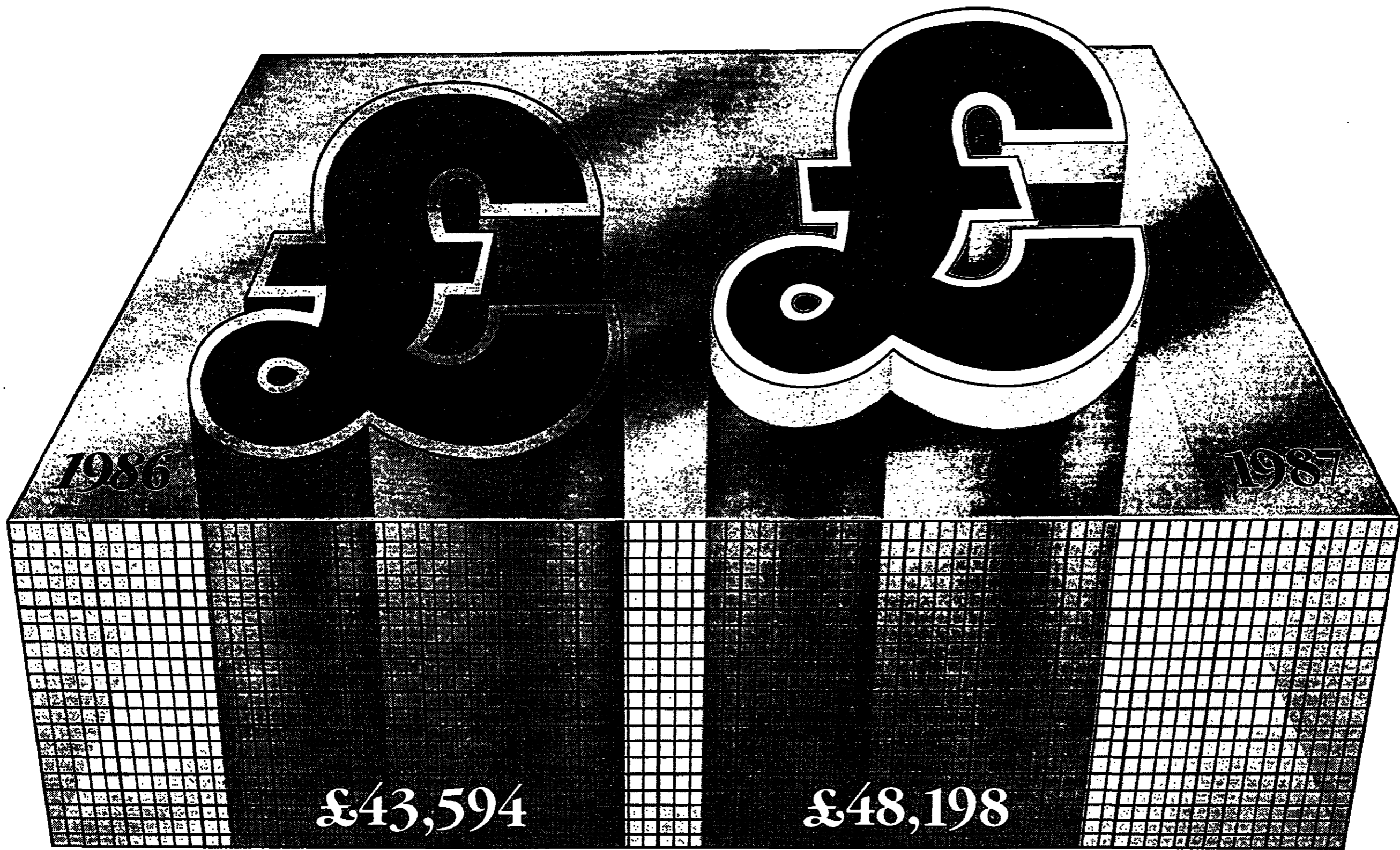
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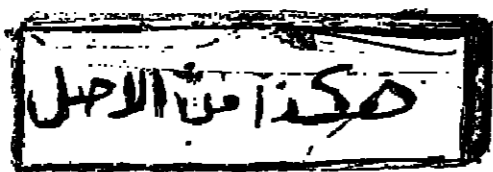


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# Spanish pupils echo French protests

From Richard Wignall, Madrid

Tens of thousands of Spanish secondary schoolchildren took to the streets yesterday to protest against the Socialist Government's policies on university education.

In Madrid, at least 50,000 teenage pupils marched to the Education Ministry to demand the immediate withdrawal of measures limiting university access, as well as calling for more public spending on education.

Protesters in other cities including Barcelona, Valencia, Seville and Granada, also responded to a nationwide strike which left most of the state-run secondary schools without classes.

The student organizers failed to bring out a majority of the 1.5 million schoolchildren who were the first challenge to Mariano Fernandez de Sotomayor, the Socialist Education Minister.

The protesters want him to curtail the university entrance requirements which he introduced in May, as well as to reverse the recent increase in student university fees.

The Spanish demonstration is one of the events in France in recent weeks, but one of the organisers said: "We are not inspired by the French, though we are very much alike."

The schoolchildren's fear of losing a place in university is one of the reasons why the French demonstration nearly inspired the Spanish students, as well as the parents and political groups on the left of the Socialist Government.

The groups tried to march through a Madrid street but were blocked on the way by a police cordon.

The demonstration was held before the Socialist Government's election in Madrid.

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Three top Communist Party leaders quit Vietnamese hierarchy

From David Watts, Tokyo

In the most profound leadership change since the death of Ho Chi Minh, the three top leaders of the Communist Party of Vietnam yesterday resigned from the Central Committee.

After their retirement had been announced by the Interior Minister, Mr Pham Hung. Mr Chinh, aged 79, Mr Dong, 80, and Mr Tho, 73, have played historic roles in the country's development and are taking some of the responsibility for the morass in which Vietnam finds itself today.



The Vietnamese leaders who have resigned: Mr Vo Nguyen Giap, Mr Pham Van Dong and Mr Le Duc Tho.

Strikers in clash at city dump

From Mario Modiano Athens

Striking rubbish collectors in Athens clashed with riot police near the city disposal dump yesterday after the Greek Government called in the Army to clear the city centre of piling mountains of uncollected rubbish.

Maori minister in Marcos loan link

From Richard Long, Wellington

The Labour Government of New Zealand was rocked last night by an official report which showed that its senior Maori civil servant had made a secret attempt to borrow \$200 million (£217 million) from Hawaiian sources said to be linked with the deposed President of the Philippines, Mr Ferdinand Marcos.

Karachi family of 12 burnt to death

From A Correspondent Karachi

At least a dozen charred bodies, all from the one family, were recovered from the debris of a house set alight by a gang of Pashtuns yesterday in Orangi township, in Karachi. They included two children, two women and eight men and boys.

Six other bodies, riddled with bullets, were brought to the civil hospital from the same area. In another gruesome murder, five headless bodies reportedly decapitated by rocket fire, were brought from another part of Orangi township, scene of the worst violence. There have been various reports of rocket-launchers being used in the area.

With 30 more deaths since Tuesday night, the total number of casualties from the four days of fighting yesterday stood at more than 155. Despite the strict curfew restrictions, there have been reports of snipers, riding on motorbikes and in cars, roaming the city and shooting indiscriminately at people.

Tension also mounted yesterday in Korangi, east of Karachi, where those killed in clashes in Shah Faisal Colony on Monday were brought from hospital for burial. In view of the tense situation, that area was also placed under a curfew. At least 450 people have been arrested on charges of murder, looting, arson and inciting people to riot since the ethnic violence broke out between the Pashtuns, from Pakistan's North West Frontier Province, and Urdu-speaking Mohajir refugees.



Irina Ratushinskaya, a Soviet poet who was released in October from a Kiev prison where she had been held for 'anti-Soviet propaganda', with her husband outside the British Embassy in Moscow yesterday after applying for a visa for travel to Britain.

A British Embassy spokesman said she had completed the visa formalities but declined to say when Mrs Ratushinskaya, aged 32, and her husband, Mr Igor Gerashchenko, planned to leave Moscow. The visas were valid for three months, he added.

Mrs Ratushinskaya, considered by Western critics as one of the Soviet Union's most talented modern poets, was sentenced in April 1983 to seven years in a labour camp and five years' internal exile.

British victim recalls savage beating

From Philip Jacobson Bangui

Sitting quietly among the foreign journalists here to report the trial of Jean-Bédél Bokassa is one man with a special interest in the case. Almost a decade ago, Mr Michael Goldsmith, a veteran correspondent for the Associated Press, was given a vicious beating by the former Emperor of the Central African Republic. To this day, he carries on his forehead a scar left by a heavy ivory baton.

Snail's pace of missing witnesses

From Our Own Correspondent, Bangui

With hearings in the Bokassa trial adjourned yesterday while a complex point of procedure was being thrashed out, it is becoming apparent that the authorities of the Central African Republic may have underestimated the difficulties in bringing the former Emperor to book. The snail's pace of proceedings for the first two days suggests that dealing with all of the 60 or more witnesses scheduled to appear is to be a lengthy exercise. Already, several have failed to turn up at the Palais de Justice, causing a heavy revision of the president judge's intended agenda.

While it is still too early to know how this will affect either side's case, there are signs that the hasty arrangement of the country's biggest trial, after Bokassa's unexpected return from exile in October, has further complicated matters. The two French lawyers leading the defence insist, as they would, that the written statements of evidence at present available to the court fail utterly to establish any direct and admissible link between the former Emperor and the many crimes of which he stands accused. This, but acknowledges the special problems posed by the number of key witnesses themselves compromised in one way or another by their previous service under the Bokassa regime.

Marriage over for Maria Franco

Madrid - The Roman Catholic Church has annulled the marriage of General Franco's granddaughter, Señora Maria del Carmen Martinez Bordenaburu, to the King's first cousin, Prince Alfonso de Borbon. Lawyers for the Prince said yesterday (Harry Debelius writes).

The Rota Tribunal, the ecclesiastical court, granted the annulment at the petition of Prince Alfonso.

40 'executed'

Paris (Reuters) - The dissident Iranian People's Mujahedin Organization said it had appealed to the United Nations after reports that 40 detainees on a hunger strike were executed in Tehran.

Sending food

Rome (Reuters) - The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization is to send million worth of emergency food aid to Afghan and Ethiopian refugees.

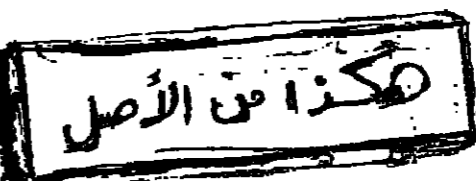
Eta's claim

Madrid - Eta's military wing, in a phone call to Egin, the Basque left-wing nationalist party, has taken responsibility for Monday night's bomb attacks in Barcelona on two French firms. But local police believe the tiny Catalan independence group Terra Lliure may have played a role.

ENTERTAINMENTS section containing various theatre listings, concert notices, and cinema advertisements.





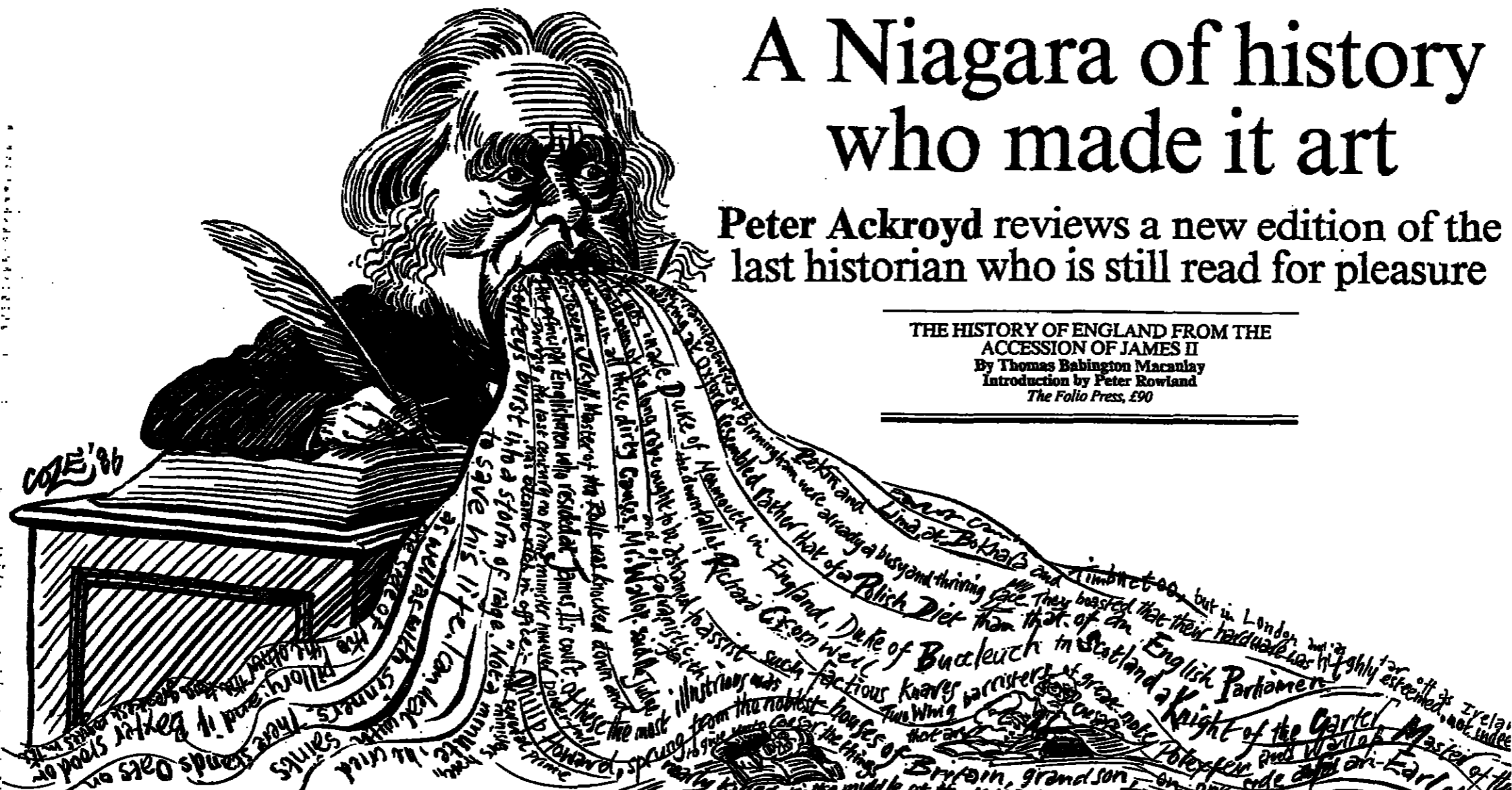


BOOKS

A Niagara of history who made it art

Peter Ackroyd reviews a new edition of the last historian who is still read for pleasure

THE HISTORY OF ENGLAND FROM THE ACCESSION OF JAMES II By Thomas Babington Macaulay Introduction by Peter Rowland The Folio Press, £90



He had thought, Macaulay wrote, "that the book would have a permanent place in our literature."

Of course it might be said that Macaulay is great precisely because he lived before the age of "professional" historical research.

resources of his literary art. One of the differences between his age and our own is that the Victorians had a belief in, and appetite for, certain kinds of permanent or inviolable truth.

As Thackeray said of him, "He reads twenty books to write a sentence, he travels a hundred miles to make a line of description."

describes "The State of England in 1685" is unrivalled as a sustained act of imaginative recreation; it is written in the same spirit as, but in some ways superior to, the historical fictions of Charles Dickens or Bulwer Lytton.

A Sport of Crooks

CRIME Marcel Berlins DEADLY ODDS Edited by Richard Peyton Souvenir Press, £12.95

Satisfyingly bulky collection of crime and mystery short stories about horse-racing. A well-balanced mix, American and English, including the obvious (Dick Francis), the surprising (Kipling), and the obscure.

Tropical Law Reports

Basil Boothroyd TALES FROM A PALM COURT By Ronnie Knox Mawer Souvenir Press, £9.95

Judges, so far as I know, are not on oath. I hope nevertheless that Judge Knox Mawer, in these 30 or so startling episodes from his judicial career in far-flung crannies of the Commonwealth, is telling nothing but the truth.

Bacon cuisine

Victoria Glendinning ELINOR FETIPLACE'S RECIPE BOOK Elizabethan Country House Cooking By Hilary Spurling Viking/Salamander, £12.95

The book is a contribution to food history. Lady F. was making meringues - called "White Biskit Bread" - nearly a hundred years before the first known recipe for them.

Is she glad, bad, or mad?

John Nicholson RUTH By Jeremy Cooper Hutchinson, £9.95 LOVING ROGER By Tim Parks Heinemann, £9.95 TALES OF RAIN AND SUNLIGHT By José Sarney Rex Collings, £12.95

The idea that women are mad commends itself to many men. Ask any barman. It has a very respectable literary pedigree, too, stretching from Greek tragedy through Shakespeare to such modern matters as the 1986 Booker Prize winner.

The power and the glory of the Street of Shame

Louis Heren MARKET FOR GLORY Fleet Street Ownership in the 20th Century By Simon Jenkins Faber, £9.95

millions of pounds for fame, honour, access to power, or just being part of the excitement of newspaper production; hence the title of this fascinating book.

SATURDAY

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Table with columns: Subject Classification, Author, Title, Publisher, Pagination, Hardcover/Paperback price, ISBN (hc & pb), Publication Date. Includes entries for Theatre and cinema, and The Singing Detective.

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Table with columns for Dec 18, Dec 19, Dec 20, Dec 21, Dec 22, Dec 23, Dec 24, Dec 25, Dec 26, Dec 27, Dec 28, Dec 29, Dec 30, Dec 31. Lists various companies and their stock prices.

WALL STREET

Sell plans hit Dow in early trade

New York (agencies) - Share prices eased in early trading as the market again fell victim to some plans for selling at the start of yesterday's trading. A slight downward revision to 2.8 per cent in the US, third-quarter gross national product had little impact on shares and failed to encourage the bond market.

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped by 5.48 points to 1,930.68. The number of declining stocks outnumbered rising ones by seven to five on a volume of 19 million shares.

Pan Am topped the list of active stocks, being down 1/4 to 4 1/2. GM slipped by 1 1/2 to 67 1/2. Traders explained that Drexel Burnham Lambert had lowered its earnings estimates for GM.

On Tuesday, the market accelerated to higher levels in the last hour of trading after drifting through another choppy session for most of the day.

PCW legal deadline will expire today

By Alison Eddie

The deadline for potential defendants to agree to a standstill on American litigation in the long-running PCW affair at Lloyd's expires at 1pm today.

If the 20 main defendants do not agree to a standstill, lawyers acting for about 400 of the hardest hit PCW names expect to initiate litigation in the US under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organisations Act before the end of the year.

The defendants include the Lloyd's brokers, Minet Holdings, Sedgwick and Alexander Rowden, and the accountant, Arthur Young. The Corporation of Lloyd's is also a defendant against potential litigation by PCW names, but it may be left out of the American action initially.

Redland plans fuel merger

By Alexandra Jackson

A £700 million turnover fuel distribution company may be formed through the merger of British Fuel Company (a partnership between AAH Holdings and British Coal) and Cawoods, a Redland subsidiary.

Mecca Leisure beats forecast

By John Bell City Editor

Mecca Leisure, the bingo and holidays group which went public in October, comfortably topped its prospectus profit forecast yesterday.

Pretax profits for the year to September 30 reached £7.54 million compared with the £7.5 million expected at the time of the flotation and £5.76 million for the previous year.

Mr Michael Guthrie, the chairman, reported that the current year has started well and that Mecca was in a position to develop its businesses and to expand into related areas.

A year ago, Mr Guthrie and his management team bought the company from Grand Metropolitan for £95 million. At the time of the flotation the backers of the buy-out made a return of more than 50 per cent on their holdings.

Most of the group performed well last year. Entertainment and catering profits rose from £2.2 million to £4.1 million, while bingo made £7.1 million, against £5.5 million. The holiday contribution topped £2.1 million - £600,000 up.

Bryant shares in false market

By John Bell City Editor

A false market was created in Bryant Holding's shares for almost an hour yesterday after Bryant made a profit forecast of £21 million and rejected an increased offer from English China Clays.

However, English China Clays (ECC) had not increased its £132 million offer for Bryant, made last month. Its offer is worth 131.5p a share with a cash alternative of 130p.

Bryant's shares opened the day at 154p and rose to 157p in the belief that ECC had increased its offer. Later, Bryant published a correction to the original announcement and the price drifted back to 155p.

It is thought that the confusion began with an announcement, earlier in the day, on the Stock Exchange's news service which said the bid by ECC which said it would be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. It is possible that when the market heard of the announcement it assumed it to be an increased bid for Bryant by ECC.

The Bryant's profit forecast of at least £21 million pretax for the 12 months to the end of May 1987 is based on five months of management accounts and an estimate for the remainder of the year.

CANADIAN PRICES table listing various Canadian companies and their stock prices.

BANG ON!

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We should be talking to each other



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COMPANY NEWS

- BULLOUGH: Total dividend 10.6p (8.2p) for the year to Oct 31. Turnover £120.19 million (£105.3 million). Pretax profit £15.93 million (£12.36 million). Earnings per share 27.83p (21.08p). The company has agreed to acquire the Hubbard-Reader Group for £9 million in cash and 1.8 million ordinary shares.
● BROOKMOUNT: Interim dividend 1.3p (nil) for the six months to Sept 30. Turnover £1.57 million (£1.88 million). Pretax profit £508,000 (£260,000). Earnings per share (weighted average) 6.9p (5.9p).
● CAMPBELL AND ARMSTRONG: Six months to Sept 28. Interim 1.3p, as forecast, payable on Jan 30. Turnover £4.15 million (£2.83 million). Pretax profit £605,000 (£273,000). Earnings per share (weighted average) 6.5p (3.1p). The order book looks good for the early months of 1987 and trading results so far in the second half continue at a satisfactory level, the board reports.
● SOUNDTRACKS: Dividend of 1.2p for the year to Nov 7. Turnover £2.62 million (£1.8 million). Pretax profit £532,648 (£328,848). Earnings per share 3.64p (2.28p). The board reports that the company has exceeded the profits forecast made at the time of the introduction to the USM and the current year has begun well.
● JURYS HOTEL GROUP: Half-year to Oct 31. Interim dividend, 1.5p, payable on Jan 23 (against a single dividend of 3.5p last time). Pretax profit £1.21 million (about £1.13 million), against £1.62 million last time. Turnover £18.24 million (£18.76 million). Earnings per share 5.0p (9.2p). In spite of the severe setback in trading during the summer months, the group is confident that prospects remain bright.
● GIBBS MEW: Six months to Sept 30. Interim dividend 1.5p - 3.4 p per cent increase. Sales, £5.86 million (£4.64 million), managed houses, £541,900 (£390,300) and William Seymour, £1.77 million (£1.83 million). Pretax profit £563,000 (£459,900). Earnings per share 6.62p (5.0p).
● ARENSON GROUP: Mr A. Aronson, the chairman, told the annual meeting that he looked forward to reporting a general improvement in the company's financial affairs, both at the interim and full-year stages of the current year. The year has started well, with trading ahead of the comparable period for last year.
● STORMGARD: Concord Fastener Industries, a subsidiary, has bought Scan Belts for £440,000 in cash. Scan will be combined with Concord to give the group a stronger position in the leather accessories market. In the 13 months to Feb 28, Scan achieved pretax profits of £54,950 on sales of £3.6 million.
● PARKER-KNOLL: The company has conditionally agreed to acquire Semple, a distributor and designer of furnishing fabrics, for £7.37 million in cash and shares.
● CARDIFF PROPERTY: Total payment raised to 9.25 p per cent (9 p) for the year to Sept 30. Turnover £186,460 (£124,892). Pretax profit £33,328 (£17,822).
● ARCHIMEDES INVESTMENT TRUST: Year to Oct 31. Total dividend 10.9p (10.15p). Pretax revenue £228,756 (£210,890). Earnings per share 10.90p (10.25p).
● STEELING PUBLISHING: Six months to Sept 30. No interim dividend (same), but the final will be at least at last year's level (2p). Turnover £1.89 million (£994,000). Pretax loss £218,000 (£236,000). Loss per share (weighted average) 1.0p (1.2p).
● CHEMIRING GROUP: Total dividend 16.5p (13.5p) for the year to Sept 30. Sales £18.99 million (£18 million). Pretax profit £3.03 million (£1.63 million). Earnings per share 54p (46.8p) and fully diluted 51.1p.
● BEECHAM: The group is to give notice to stockholders of the early redemption of the £2.31 million, 8.5 per cent unsecured loan stock, 1984/94, on March 31 next.
● NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK: The bank has agreed to acquire a 74 per cent interest in Broadbank Corporation, a New Zealand finance house, from Government Life Insurance of New Zealand, which will hold the remainder. NAB will issue 5.2 million of its ordinary stock units for the interest.
● JACOMAR: Six months to Sept 30, 1986, compared with the eight months to Sept 1985. Pretax loss £91,000 (£330,000).

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table showing Sterling Spot and Forward Rates for various currencies including New York, Montreal, Amsterdam, etc.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table showing Sterling Rates for various currencies including Argentina, Australia, Brazil, etc.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table showing Dollar Spot Rates for various currencies including Argentina, Australia, Brazil, etc.

RECENT ISSUES

Table listing recent issues of various companies and their prices.

ECONOMIC VIEW

Real incomes growth tells the Chancellor's rags-to-riches tale

To non-economists it is all rather puzzling. But to economists it is very confusing indeed. The Chancellor, faced a few months ago with post-oil penny, suddenly encounters an embarrassment of riches.



Lord Young: "generalized exhortation does not work"

Which brings us back to the Government's finances. It is possible to argue that this year's PSBR undershoot, like the summer fall in inflation to less than 2.5 per cent, is largely a one-off effect.

Table with 3 columns: Retailers, 1984, 1985, 1986. Rows include Food retailers, Mixed retailers, Clothing and footwear, Household goods.

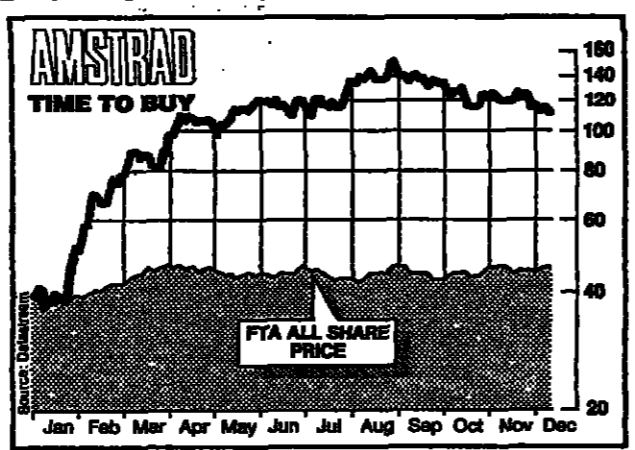
Source: Department of Trade & Industry

STOCK MARKET

Drugs sector sparkles but volumes slacken elsewhere

By Carol Leonard

Christmas festivities were well to the fore in the City yesterday as market men made merry in the "watering holes" within the Square Mile and left the stock market to its own devices.



Oil prices drifted downwards, disappointed by the absence of any agreement from Opec, but managed to close a few pennies above their lowest levels of the day.

new machines is exceeding even the most bullish expectations and that production is now up to the targeted 70,000 units a month.

One stockbroker quipped: "Our settlement offices are all overloaded with British Gas and, until they've sorted through the backlog, we might as well go out and enjoy ourselves."

Glaxo gained another 13p to 1,023p - again on hopes of a new drug, even though it may still be several years away from the market - and Fisons jumped 17p to 538p after a presentation yesterday to the medical press of its new anti-asthma drug, Tilade, due to be launched in Britain in January.

Industrial life insurance companies moved sharply higher on vague talk that the TSB may be looking for an acquisition. Analysts were sceptical of the story, although there were reports of a heavy buyer in the sector.

Speculators hoping that Combined English Stores may turn into a white knight and rescue Goldsmiths from Oriflame will be disappointed. Mr David Richardson, managing director of CES, says he is "definitely not interested" in making a bid.

ALPHA STOCKS

Table listing various stocks with columns for Price, Change, Volume, and other metrics.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Pilkington ahead on points in first round

Among today's master bidders and their advisers, the technique in contested takeovers is to put out a deliberately low initial offer. That is intended to smoke out the other side's ammunition and, most crucially, to depress expectations of the final or real offer.

Zero could mean plenty

The authorities have not been afraid to innovate in their choice of funding instruments. But we have yet to see a zero-coupon, gilt-edged stock emerging from behind the Bank of England's solid walls.

David Smith Economics Correspondent

Reliance India's largest\* company is also one of the fastest growing

Since Reliance went public in 1977, its sales have increased 9 times, assets 42 times and profits 23 times.

Table with 3 columns: RUPES IN MILLIONS, 1977, 1985, %age growth over 1977. Rows include SALES, NET PROFIT, TOTAL ASSETS, NET WORTH, TOTAL DIVIDENDS.

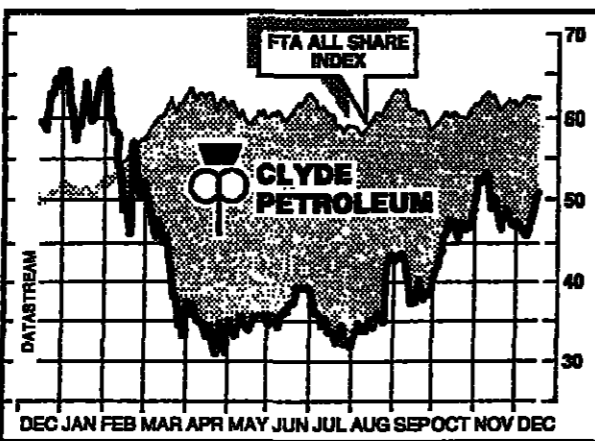
Issue of 13.5% Secured Fully Convertible Debentures of 145 Indian Rupees each.

Reliance is strategic growth. Includes company address, contact info, and issue details.

TEMPUS

British Land could be dull in short term

John Riblat has been on a shopping spree — spending £200 million since the end of March. Yesterday, with a placing and offer to existing shareholders, he settled the bill for more than half his purchases.



The British Land asset value is a moving target. In last year's accounts it came out at about 225p but yesterday's announcement contained a revaluation, taking it to 260p.

The commercial logic of rounding out the Euston Centre interests, of adding to the Plantation House scheme and to the Legal and General portfolio are self-evident.

Proposals have been submitted for the redevelopment of Plantation House while the scope for renegotiating rents at Euston Centre is considerable.

Yesterday's interims showed the rest of the business performing satisfactorily. The main features were the impressive rise in gross rents, the profitable disposal of a miscellany of industrial interests and the merging of the group's property, 90 Broad Street, New York with the 85.7 per cent-owned subsidiary, British Land Inc, which now has a New York Stock Exchange quotation.

The impact of the new acquisitions for the rest of this year is insignificant. British Land should make £27.5 million (eps 13.5p). But next year the new properties should make their presence felt and push profits to £38 million. Earnings, however, will be diluted by about 9 per cent to 14.1p.

The shares are usually a favourite for traders, but it looks as if they could be dull in the short term.

Clyde Petroleum

Ever since the first discovery well was drilled at the Buchan oil field more than 10 years ago, the complex geology has ensured controversy over how big it would become.

There is a widespread be-

lief that the official, recoverable reserves estimate of 75 million barrels could be too low — by as much as 10 million barrels — even though the field has produced 52 million barrels so far.

Only time will tell. But for Clyde Petroleum, which takes an optimistic view of the field's potential, buying another slice of Buchan is the realization of a long-cherished dream.

It was merely a question of finding a way to pay for it. Its failed bid for Berkeley Exploration and Production provided the key. Clyde, the underbidder, had the consolation prize of £3.6 million cash after the disposal of its Berkeley shares to the successful bidder, Ranger Oil.

As a result, Clyde's net debt will be about £4 million at the December year-end, rising to a little more than £10 million on completion of this deal.

Clyde may have to take a £25 million asset write-down this year owing to lower oil prices. But the company does not expect debt to rise above one-third of shareholders' funds.

Clyde looks certain to make a loss this year before asset write-downs.

However, Clyde should make a small profit in 1987, assuming the oil price can stay at \$15 a barrel. If it rises above \$15, so much the better.

Clyde now has the financial strength to do more than just survive until Wyth Farm comes in with the real jam in 1989. It will have a sufficient cash flow in 1987 to spare \$10 million for exploration. This will allow it to take part in up to 10 offshore and onshore wells.

It will take a much higher oil price to bring the independent oil sector back into favour but, when it happens, Clyde has a good chance of being around to enjoy the party. Unless, of course, it is snapped up by a greedy predator.

Hogg Robinson

Hogg Robinson's interim pretax profits at £7.9 million were above best expectations and sent the share price racing 10p higher to 357p.

The mix of profits caused some surprise with travel, transport and financial services registering an impressive operating profits increase of 42 per cent, but insurance broking showing only 4 per cent growth.

Adverse exchange rates, mainly a 15 per cent fall in the dollar, and a rise in Hogg's own errors and omissions cover of £700,000 knocked £1.4 million off broking profits.

As the bulk of American buyouts of the Lloyd's underwriting agency businesses will not affect Hogg's profits for at least the next three years, because of the profit-sharing method used in the sale mechanism.

The growing travel and new estate agency business should easily fill the gap left when underwriting profits start to run down. Hogg accompanied its interim statement with the news that it is buying 21 travel branches from Airtours bringing its high street outlets up to 210.

Full year profits of £21.5 million are in sight, giving a prospective p/e ratio of just over 12, assuming tax of 33 per cent. The rating is modest by the standards of other Lloyd's brokers. Despite outperforming the brokers' index over the past few months, Hogg shares should go higher in the long term.

SE opens doors for locals in options trading

By Richard Lander

The fast-growing Stock Exchange traded options market is taking an important step to boost volume by opening its doors to individuals who will be admitted as brokers or market-makers.

Sole traders, or locals as they are known in the futures and options markets, have long been an established feature of the hectic trading pits in the United States.

The concept has been exported to Australia and Britain, where some 60 locals do business on the London International Financial Futures Exchange. The London Commodity Exchange is also likely to admit locals next year.

Mr Bernard Reed, options manager, said the Exchange is already open for applications from potential locals. Apart

from having to pass an options examination, they will have to pay a £10,000 membership fee and have at least £10,000 in liquid capital.

Locals, who can trade personally or with limited liability, will have to choose between acting as brokers or market-makers; the Stock Exchange is keen to avoid any conflict of interest. Locals will be barred from dealing with the public and will be restricted to trading with or for member firms.

The Stock Exchange has traded options in 42 equities, two currencies, two gilts and the FT-SE 100 share index. Volume averages about 43,500 contracts a day — more than three times the level of a year ago — and reached a peak of 81,733 last week when British Gas was launched.

APPOINTMENTS

Ladbroke names finance director

Ladbroke Group: Mr Jerry O'Mahony is to be finance director.

Record Merchandisers: Mr Malcolm Parkinson has become chairman and Mr Derek Pretty and Mr David Deyf non-executive directors.

Metahex Group: Mr Harold John Mingsgrove has joined the board as a non-executive director.

Shepherd Building Group: Mr Colin Shepherd has become group chairman and managing director, succeeding Sir Peter Shepherd.

Hepworth Plastics: Mr JD Carter is to be managing director.

Hercules Incorporated: Mr David Hollingsworth is to be chairman and chief executive. Mr Fred Buckner is to be president and Mr Arden Engelbreiten vice-chairman.

BCI (UK): Mr Donald Wright becomes deputy chairman and managing director.

National Carriers Contract Services: Mr David Buck has been named as managing director.

Berkeley Exploration & Production: Mr AA Wilson has become financial director, Ranger Oil (UK), Mr GH Bowman, Mr AJ Dingley and Mr AW Hart have become directors of Berkeley Exploration.

Salomon Brothers: Mr Nicholas Bedford, Mr Ste-



Colin Shepherd

phen Brisby, Mr F Wood Fisher, Mr Gary Goodenough, Mr Jean Grall, Mr David Jarvis, Mr Christopher Mitchelson, Mr Gordon Taylor and Miss Valerie Thompson are to be directors.

Connells Estate Agents: Mr David Wood has been named as finance director.

Royle Communications: Miss Anne Bartolo has become account director.

Steelcase Strafor: Mr Charles Posnett has become UK sales and market director.

John Laing Construction: Mr John Armit and Mr Michael Tredwell are to be joint managing directors, UK Civil Engineering.

Persimmon: Mr David Bryant is to be managing director Persimmon Homes (Anglia). Mr Steven Feneley has become land director Persimmon Homes (Midlands).

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Table with columns: Series, Calls, Puts, Dates (Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec). Lists various options for different stocks and indices.

MONEY MARKETS

Table showing money market rates for various terms: 6 month 11%, 12 month 11%, Local Authority Bonds, etc.

BULLION

Table showing bullion prices for Gold, Silver, Platinum, etc.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table showing financial futures prices for Three Month Sterling, Time Month Eurodollar, US Treasury Bond, Short Gilt, Long Gilt, FT-SE 100, etc.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Table showing traditional options for First Dealings, Last Dealings, Last Declaration, etc.

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Advertisement for Olivetti personal computer, featuring a special deal and contact information for Carol White.

Large advertisement for Scottish & Newcastle Breweries plc, featuring interim results for 1986 and an interim dividend of up to 10%.



STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares ease in quiet trading

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began December 8. Dealings end Friday. Contango day next Monday. Settlement day January 5.

Where stocks have only one price quoted, these are middle prices taken daily at 5pm. Yield, change and P/E ratio are calculated on the middle price

Portfolio Gold - From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure.

Table with 4 columns: No., Company, Group, Gain or loss. Lists various companies like Bluebird Conf, Cook (Wm), Wood-orth, etc.

Please take account of any minus signs

Weekly Dividend table with columns for Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun.

BRITISH FUNDS

Table for British Funds with columns for 1986 High, Low, Stock, Price, Change, Div, Yield, P/E.

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

Table for Short-term investments with columns for 1986 High, Low, Stock, Price, Change, Div, Yield, P/E.

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

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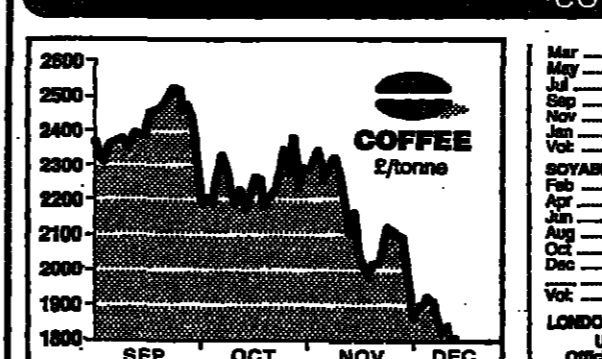
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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

December 18, 1986

During the past six years UK companies achieved major productivity improvements...

The result of these shortcomings is seen by the UK's 16th place ranking in the international marketing league...



The competitive and successful society must also be a caring society if it is to win the greatest rewards, says Tony McBurnie

Perhaps our lead in the Industrial Revolution meant little real competition and our captive empire market blunted our marketing prowess...

marketing tools, tactics and more materialistic culture in this country?

More effort is needed to communicate the critical impact of marketing performance on economic prosperity...

Without a much more competitive approach in international markets our share of world trade, which has fallen by more than half in the past 20 years, will tumble even further...

British industry appeared to have survived the recession, and emerged from it as a much more healthy and cost-effective international competitor.

Unfortunately, the success story was short-lived. Sales have not increased. Profitability has started to decline...

Two-thirds of British companies admit they are not good at marketing. Two-thirds of British companies do not use market research...

The reason for this short-lived success story is the weak marketing performance of many British companies, and the root cause of this can be found in the two-thirds syndrome.

Two-thirds of British companies admit they are not good at marketing.

Two-thirds of British companies do not use market research, do not carry out planned design and development of new products, and do not train their sales forces.

Two-thirds of British managing directors have no major marketing or sales experience.

There is no longer any doubt that marketing performance is the Achilles heel of many UK companies. The lessons from successful international competitors have not been learned...

After six years of productivity and manufacturing efficiency gains, many UK companies improved their cost-competitiveness quite dramatically...

And all the other rationalization moves are back again on many board agendas, as they move into another downward spiral of the vicious circle.

The reason in many cases is a lack of awareness of how the market environment has changed, with new, higher value-added products, aggressive competitors, and enhanced customer expectations...

There is some awakening to the reality of this situation, as the response to Institute of Marketing initiatives with chief executives, government support for marketing, the schools marketing certificate and the television marketing series, demonstrate very clearly.

However, old attitudes die hard and the debates at the TUC, the

CBI and party political conferences place far too much emphasis on inward-looking considerations of minimum wage levels, infrastructure investment, tax rates and the rest, important as they are.

Far too little attention is given to the reasons why international competitors are decimating British industries, how they are developing new products and services to meet the needs of markets and customers which they have researched and analysed in detail...

Despite its history, or perhaps because of it, Britain does not have the competitive culture which Japan, the United States and West Germany have.

More chief executives need to change their own and their company's thinking towards the market-places, and to the preparation of aggressive, carefully thought through marketing strategies.

More government investment in marketing support is needed to strengthen medium-sized and small companies, with the inevitable payback in jobs from the increased manufacturing output needed to meet increased sales volume.

More executives need to be trained in the fundamentals of marketing and how to improve their performance in the marketplace.

More emphasis is needed on developing the marketing strategies and effective organizations to match the needs of a fast-changing market environment, and less on ad hoc use of

Unless emphasis is placed on much more effective marketing, the very high cost, in social, economic and human terms, of achieving and improving manufacturing performance will have been futile and a scandalous waste of talent.

How would the mantle of a highly competitive culture sit on British heads? Is economic and corporate prosperity worth the risk to our caring British way of life? Would a resurgence of international marketing competitiveness mean a swing to an even

We do not have a choice. We simply have to ensure that a competitive, successful society does not become an uncaring society. The rewards which flow from marketing dynamism, as we have seen, are low unemployment, low inflation and a prosperous nation - without many of the social problems associated with lack of business and economic success.

The challenge is a fundamental one, but it will not go away. The Institute of Marketing, as the national marketing body, has to be the catalyst in bringing these goals to a successful conclusion. It will not be easy, but it has to be achieved. The economic prosperity and the social well-being of the country depend on it.

Tony McBurnie is director general of the Institute of Marketing

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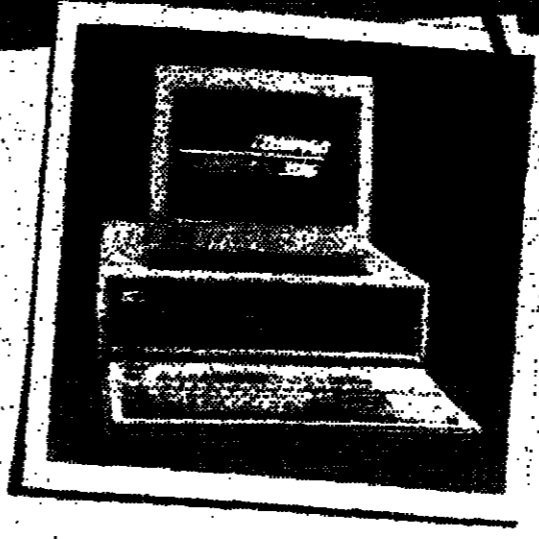
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**Address** Ambassador House, Paradise Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 1SQ.  
**Nationality** British, of US descent.  
**Date of Birth** US: February 1st, 1982. UK: April 2nd, 1984.

**Achievements**

- October 1983: Launched new US computer (COMPAQ PLUS) with 30 times the storage of IBM PC.
- December 1983: Went public in USA.
- January 1984: Turnover \$111,000,000. Greatest 1st year sales in history of American business.
- April 1984: British subsidiary set up.
- August 1984: COMPAQ PORTABLE outsold IBM's 7 to 1.
- December 1984: COMPAQ PORTABLE sales ranked 1st in the world.
- January 1985: Worldwide turnover \$329,000,000. Greater growth than any other computer company in history.
- December 1985: 2,800 authorised dealers in 33 countries.
- January 1986: Worldwide turnover \$503,000,000. 1,860 employees.
- April 1986: Entered 'Fortune 500' fastest entry ever.
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AGE AND QUALIFICATIONS. 28-33 Degree or similar qualification with at least 5 years proven computer sales experience with a major computer manufacturer selling into the corporate market place.

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of COMPAQ products into specific Times 1000-type organisations.

The Major Account Manager will identify opportunities for COMPAQ dealers within those U.K. organisations who are planning to make a major investment in the areas of distributed processing using personal computers.

Obviously an ability to communicate both at board level as well as with M.I.S. Managers is an essential prerequisite.

REMUNERATION. High basic salary & commission, company car and usual company benefits.

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE**

LOCATION. West London.

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JOB DESCRIPTION Reporting to U.K. Marketing Manager. Responsible for the co-ordination of COMPAQ's marketing plans in conjunction with those of major third party hardware and software companies. The successful candidate will also be required to identify and evaluate new business opportunities for COMPAQ within a number of pre-defined application areas.

REMUNERATION. Competitive salary commensurate with position and experience. Company car, usual company benefits.

**MARKETING OPERATIONS EXECUTIVE**

LOCATION. West London.

AGE. 25+ Graduate with a minimum 3 years experience of working with Computer Dealers/Resellers in a sales-oriented role.

JOB DESCRIPTION. Reporting to U.K. Marketing Manager. Responsible for the overall support and development of the COMPAQ Authorised Dealer Network in fully utilising COMPAQ's extensive marketing support programmes, and equipping dealers with the necessary skills and materials in order to fully promote COMPAQ's total product range. In addition, the investigation of new potential channels of distribution for COMPAQ products will be part of this function.

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**MAJOR ACCOUNTS PRE-SALES SUPPORT MANAGER**

LOCATION. West London.

AGE. 25+ Graduate with minimum of 2 years experience in a Technical Sales Support role with particular emphasis on the use of microcomputers within large organisations.

JOB DESCRIPTION. Reporting to Technical Director. Responsible for pre-sales technical support as part of COMPAQ's Major Accounts programme. Will be required to liaise fully with COMPAQ's Authorised Dealer Network as well as advising the DPMIS and Microcomputer Support Managers of Major Accounts in areas of connectivity, compatibility and other areas relating to the installation of COMPAQ products.

REMUNERATION. Salary + benefits + car commensurate with age and experience.

**COMMUNICATIONS/NETWORK SPECIALIST**

LOCATION. West London.

AGE. 25+ with a minimum of 3 years experience with a computer manufacturer or large DP Department.

JOB DESCRIPTION. Reporting to Technical Director. Responsible for the support of COMPAQ Authorised Dealers in the areas of mainframe communications and microcomputer networks. The successful candidate will be required to be fully conversant with IBM Communications protocols and IBM Token Ring Network. (Additional experience of Torus, Nestar, Novell, etc. would be an advantage). A practical understanding of end-user requirements is essential.

REMUNERATION. Salary + benefits + car commensurate with age and experience.

**DEALER SALES MANAGERS**

LOCATION. London and South, Midlands, North West, North East.

AGE/QUALIFICATIONS. 25-35. Possess a degree or similar qualification and have a proven track record in the microcomputer sales environment, with either manufacturer, dealer or software house.

JOB DESCRIPTION. The successful candidate will be working closely with both dealer principals and dealer sales personnel in order to facilitate the required sales volumes of COMPAQ products through the COMPAQ Authorised Dealer channel and on to end-users.

It is envisaged that only those candidates who can successfully demonstrate a high level of Account Management capability will meet the required standards of this role, as COMPAQ's ongoing business relationship with its dealer base is key to its long term success.

REMUNERATION. Will be based upon age and experience but will consist of a high basic salary and incentive bonus, company car and other fringe benefits.

**TELEPHONE SALES**

LOCATION. Richmond, Surrey.

AGE/QUALIFICATIONS. 25+. Telephone articulate, some experience with the personal computer industry desirable and educated to University standard.

The successful candidate is expected within 12-18 months to transfer to a field sales role.

JOB DESCRIPTION. You will be a member of a key sales team which is the focal point regarding COMPAQ's day to day liaison with its U.K. Authorised Dealer Network.

Duties will include, receipt of orders, shipment queries, advising dealers on stock availability, and product specifications, ensuring all communications receive prompt and efficient attention.

REMUNERATION. Competitive salary + benefits.



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# Tiriac smiles at last as Becker comes of age



David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent, meets the man behind the meteoric rise to stardom of the boy who launched a nation into a brave new world of tennis

Showing strength of character when twice winning Wimbledon as a teenager is one thing. When Boris Becker was losing the Masters final in straight sets to Ivan Lendl last week his mental hinges were rattling.

For all the boom in West German tennis, with 200,000 youngsters taking up the game in the past 18 months, it should be remembered that Becker did not, like Hoad or McEnroe, have the natural touch of genius.



A Papal blessing for Becker who, with his girl friend, Benedicte Courtin (left), had an audience at the Vatican yesterday

I am tired and empty and I can't concentrate," Becker said last week, but there was still an assurance in his manner. Yet only two years ago, Gunther Bosch, his technical coach, says he was as erratic as this every match.

some tournaments for the sake of exhibition matches. "Boris doesn't like exhibitions," Tiriac says. "I'd be even more severe (than MIPTC) and leave two months of the year free, so as to avoid what's happened to some top players, crumbling under the strain."

Swedish style - the gypsy system, he calls it - is to pack the bags of half a dozen kids, send them around the world with a manager and see who survives the stresses, mental and physical.

anc suggests he was designed by Ian Fleming as an adversary for Bond and could not help but seem sinister even if he went around kissing babies, believes that the making of a player is as much in the mind as in the racket.

Tiriac is a stickler for organization; improbably, for someone once involved with Nastase, for image. Becker reflects this.

Boris is a polemic," Tiriac says. "He was like an Italian, a Romanian, another crazy Latin. From the first day he has matured a lot but from time to time it still comes out. Against Lendl he was an eager 19-year-old. He wanted something too much.

A mixed double

Baden-Baden (Reuter) - Boris Becker and Steffi Graf were yesterday voted West Germany's sportsman and sportswoman of the year in a poll by the country's sports journalists.

Tiriac is in favour of the controversial "Super 600" concept, which is threatening to precipitate legal action between the Men's International Professional Tennis Council and two of the top three management groups.

# CCPR claims law gives clubs rights for total rate relief

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

Sports clubs could win 100 per cent rate relief if they establish educational links and then fight the town halls and central government with existing legislation, says Edward Grayson, author of Sport and the Law.

The information will prove of immense benefit to all sports clubs, who are struggling to survive because of the acute increase in rate demands. This particularly true of Scotland where rates are much higher than in the rest of Britain.

The Government is planning to harmonize rates in 1990 and there are widespread fears that this will be a levelling-up rather than a levelling-down.

Peter Lawson, the secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR), said yesterday: "We will draw the attention of all Britain's sports bodies to these legal details and explain what it means in layman's terms."

# Stiff warning to Boyde

By Michael Coleman

The on-off comeback fight of David Pearce, the former British heavyweight champion, looked off again after warnings from John Morris, secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, to Lorenzo Boyde, his American opponent, that he risked his career if he fought again.

Yesterday Boyde cancelled his fight from Chicago to Wales for tomorrow's bout at the Parc Club, Treforest. Pearce was barred from the ring by Board after a brain scan revealed a congenital abnormality. Walter, his father and trainer, claims he has already sold 100 tickets for the fight which he expects Boyde to arrive as arranged.

But Morris said: "Boyde won't be allowed to box under our rules and we would inform all commissions that he has taken a decision to box with a man who does not meet the Board's medical standards."

For some 10 years or more fishermen on the Hampshire Avon and other rivers have complained that the number of salmon in these rivers has been declining. For the past three years Wessex Water scientists, headed by Dr. Wilkinson, divisional fishery officer at Poole, have been carrying out a survey to see if the complaints are true.

They have found that it is not a decline but a cyclical fluctuation. Catcher did decline in the 1970s, but the decline was a widespread change common to all North Atlantic home waters, but this occurred after the high peak runs of the 1960s.

# Williams's win sees Manchester Northern back in contention

By Colin McQuillan

Steele Leicester stretched their lead to seven points with a 4-1 victory over Ardsleigh Hall in the last American Express Premier League fixture of 1986, but the performance of the night was Geoff Williams's defeat of Ross Norman, the new world champion, to bring Manchester Northern back into the hunt for the second half of the season.

Table with columns for Player, P, W, D, L, Fts

Williams trained himself almost to a standstill searching for a spectacular comeback from knee injuries, only to fall miserably both in the World Open and in the more recent National Championships. In his determination to achieve greater strength and power, the tall left-handed former national champion appeared unconsciously to sacrifice his natural fast and shot-filled game.

# Cram wins AAA's prize again

By Michael Coleman

Steve Cram was named the outstanding athlete of the year by the Amateur Athletic Association (AAA) - for the second year running yesterday - after his 800 and 1,500 metres double triumph at the Commonwealth Games, plus his 1,500 metres best in the European championships.

Cram, from Jarrold and Hebburn Athletic Club, won the C.N. Jackson Memorial Cup and Colin Jackson, of Cardiff, was named the AAA's junior athlete of 1986 for his winning performance in Athens of 13.44sec in the 110 metres hurdles at the world junior championship.

# Landlord pulls carpet from under British

By Michael Coleman

The six-man team that hosts the biennial bi-snow-country (Nordic) skiing will part company over Christmas, not for reasons of seasonal goodwill, but because their Austrian landlord needs his flats back.

The owner wants us out for two weeks over the holiday so we're splitting up," Patrick Winterston, the team captain, said from Schlading, "We expect to move back on January 7. At the moment we are trying to find somebody with an empty garage to take all our stuff."

# Decline in size not in numbers

By Conrad Voss Bark

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# Queen's Bench Division

## Withdrawing grant without giving reasons

Regina v Secretary of State for Transport, Ex parte Sherriff & Sons Ltd. Before Mr Justice Taylor [Judgment December 15]. Before deciding to withdraw an undertaking to pay a grant for the provision of rail freight facilities under section 8 of the Railways Act 1974 (as amended by section 16 of the Transport Act 1978), the Secretary of State for Transport should have informed the applicant for grant of his reasons for withdrawing the undertaking and giving the applicant an opportunity of making representations.

# Law Report December 18 1986

## Quashing a committal

Paragraph 2.6 affected the decision to withdraw grant. The court's practical approach was that if works had begun, it could not be satisfied that a grant was needed. The unlawful letter tainted the decision and on that ground alone the applicants were entitled to relief. The applicants also submitted that the failure of the secretary of state to consult the applicants before making his decision was a breach of natural justice.

# Queen's Bench Divisional Court

## Quashing a committal

committal for trial on the ground that during the committal proceedings inadmissible evidence had been received. It was contended, however, that since the passing of the 1984 Act, the situation was different where, as here, the justices had not merely received inadmissible evidence, but had refused to enter upon the inquiry prescribed by section 76(2) of the 1984 Act, before receiving evidence of a confession when it had been represented that it was not or might not have been voluntary.





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RUGBY LEAGUE

Bamford quits as Britain's coach owing to wife's illness

By Keith Macklin

Maurice Bamford yesterday resigned as Great Britain coach. His wife, Rita, suffers from multiple sclerosis and he wants to spend more time at home with her.

HORSE TRIALS

Windsor's new sponsor

By Jenny MacArthur

Beefeater Steakhouses are the new sponsor of the Windsor three-day event, which takes place from May 22 to 24 under Prince Anne's presidency.

The double-dealing history of the America's Cup

The razzmatazz, media hype, and secrecy surrounding the America's Cup have produced a plethora of books to coincide with the first Australian defence.

Francis unravels the secret world of Piggott

Francis Piggott has been a close-mouthed professional for over 200 months. And Piggott has his lesson early. When he won his first race on The Chase at Haydock Park in 1948, the boy aged 12, knew that the second horse had not been running on its merits.

GYMNASTICS



Ellin: Oksana Omelchuk, the co-world champion, who appears at Wembley on Saturday

A star rises from the East

By Peter Aikroyd

The Kraft International at Wembley this Saturday has gained a major attraction for the women's competition. She is the diminutive Oksana Omelchuk, the joint world champion from the Soviet Union, who combines technical expertise with a scintillating ability to play to the audience.

Robson's view of England in Mexico

There has, as usual, been no shortage of football reference and quite a number of lightweights on offer this year. Equally, there has, as usual, been a lack of publications of a weightier nature, even though the summer was illuminated by the finals of the World Cup in Mexico.

Universities' call-up for Bradford player

Bradford University, surprise quarter-finalists in this season's Universities Athletic Union (UAU) competition, will have a representative in the English Universities team to play Irish Universities at Cork on January 8.

RUGBY UNION

Take the pressures off World Cup men

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Britain's leading rugby players should be ordered to take a complete break from competitive rugby the minute the Five Nations championship programme is completed.

Trying to create a better game through discussion

When the Five Nations' committee met in London this month to discuss the forthcoming championship, referees and coaches from the four home countries and France were able, for the first time, to discuss mutual problems.

Merit change suits Bath

Two of Saturday's scheduled John Smith's Merit Table A matches have had their merit status removed, and will be played as club fixtures.

Running off the ball

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Masters blow too much for Haden

Andy Haden has returned to New Zealand prematurely after his side, Ponsonby, were surprisingly beaten on the opening day of the Masters tournament in Toulouse, Brive, Agen and Bayonne (Chris Thau writes).

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

"We may go about it in different ways, but, basically, we are looking for more continuity, to make the game more enjoyable for players and spectators," Grant said.

Sympathy from the referees

"When I first started to play, the job was to avoid a player, to beat a man and to stay on your feet. The tendency now has been to bring in this physical aspect of the game, to get away from a balance of both which would be ideal."

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Universities' call-up for Bradford player

Bradford University, surprise quarter-finalists in this season's Universities Athletic Union (UAU) competition, will have a representative in the English Universities team to play Irish Universities at Cork on January 8.

Advertisement for 'FREE BOAT SHOW GUIDE' featuring 'YACHTING' magazine. Includes text: 'The established guide to the London Boat Show, packed with easy-to-follow information and previews of new boats and equipment.' and 'PLUS: Classic Yacht, Storm Force Anchors, Which Decca?'

CRICKET

Tenacious Border has his sights set on that winning century

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Hobart, Tasmania

The forecast for Hobart is for rain, strong south-westerlies, low cloud, poor visibility and a maximum temperature of 62 degrees...

If England's present schedule is oppressive, it is scarcely more so than what most of the Australians who took part in the last Test match have to cope with...

leader of the field, with 9,572 runs at an average of 50.64. Now 37, Gavaskar's days are numbered.

Tasmania's overseas player this time is Richard Ellison, who has been bowling well for them. In 1982-83, when England were here last, Tasmania had Michael Holding...

His Test record compares now with all but Bradman's in 87 Test matches. Greg Chappell scored 7,110 runs at an average of 53.86.

Border set a new trend among Australians when, a dozen or so years ago, he became a full-time professional cricketer.

Record opening stand

Kanpur - Ratnayake and Wettimuny shared a record-breaking first wicket stand of 159 as Sri Lanka made an imposing start to the first Test match against India yesterday.

Wettimuny leg before, ending an innings containing 13 fours. Ratnayake struck 14 fours and produced some elegant cover drives.

Although both are on the small side, comparisons between Border and Neil Harvey seem wide of the mark. Harvey was a genius and Border is not just as Compton was and Gattling is not.

SKIING



On your bike: Bill Johnson, the 1984 Olympic downhill skiing champion, pauses during a workout. He has an operation on a torn cartilage and will miss the rest of the season.

Schneider's victory keeps Swiss rolling

Courmayeur, Italy (Reuter) - Vreni Schneider, of Switzerland, won her first World Cup slalom race here yesterday to take the lead in the overall standings for the event.

Bell sharpens up. Martin Bell regained some of the sharpness he lost last weekend by taking third place in the first FIS downhill race of the season at Val Gardena, Italy.

GOLF

The many sides to Crampton

From John Ballantine, Montego Bay, Jamaica. Bill Tilson always said that a competitor had just so much energy and effort to give to a career...

SWIMMING

Brew may switch to the triathlon

British international swimmer Robin Brew, the Royal Air Force physical training instructor who was such an inspiring captain of the Olympic Games team in Los Angeles two years ago.

Superstars champion as well as the United Kingdom's. His training routine at the moment comprises cycling 150 miles a week...

Advertisement for Littlewoods Pools, Liverpool, featuring a 'BIG XMAS SHARE-OUT' with a grand total of £2,683,483. Includes details on prizes and terms.

Advertisement for Vernons Pools, Liverpool, featuring a 'Pay a Winner' promotion with a grand total of £1 million. Includes details on prizes and terms.

Advertisement for Zettlers, London EC1, featuring a '15-a-1p and 10-a-1p TOPS GALORE' promotion with a grand total of £10,969. Includes details on prizes and terms.

Advertisement for The Pool Promoters Association, featuring a 'Merry Christmas' promotion with a grand total of £10,969. Includes details on prizes and terms.

MOTOR RALLYING

A solution to San Remo moves closer

Paris (Reuter) - The Fédération Internationale du Sport Automobile (FISA) yesterday began a two-day executive committee meeting to settle an argument over the San Remo Rally, which will decide this season's world champion.

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division (7:30p) Blackburn v Everton. SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division (7:30p) Southampton v Wolves.

BOBSLEIGHING

Phipps at the double

Nick Phipps completed the domestic double for the second time in three years yesterday by winning the British two-man championship at Königsee, West Germany (Chris Moore writes).

Last month, the 34-year-old Londoner drove his Allied Steel crew to victory in the British four-man event at Igls, Austria.

ATHLETICS

EDUCATIONAL Cross-country International: 1. J. J. O'Brien (Ireland) 15:12. 2. J. J. O'Brien (Ireland) 15:12. 3. J. J. O'Brien (Ireland) 15:12.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Public schools championship: 1. J. J. O'Brien (Ireland) 15:12. 2. J. J. O'Brien (Ireland) 15:12. 3. J. J. O'Brien (Ireland) 15:12.

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SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Schools team relies on Lancastrians

Amongst the Northern schools, QEGS Blackburn and Bolton have each won nine school matches (George Chester writes).

Late rally gives Blackburn the sixes cup

Keith Burkinshaw, the former manager of Tottenham Hotspur, presented the Corinthian-Casuals Cup to QEGS Blackburn who defeated Bolton Blackburn in the final of the six-a-side competition at Forest School (George Chester writes).

HOCKEY

REWARD FOR BOLLAND. Paul Bolland, a member of England's World Cup squad, has been appointed captain of the Great Britain juniors for the Los Reyes tournament in Barcelona from January 4 to 6 (Sydney Friskin writes).

Advertisement for 'Where the Wine is' featuring a bottle of wine and the text 'INVESTMENT WORTH £99.00'.



